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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Tomoo KIMURA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 2527
Serial No.: 09/964,515 : Group Art Unit: 2825
Filed: September 28, 2001 : Examiner: Annette M. THOMPSON
For: CIRCUIT OPERATION VERIFYING METHOD AND APPARATUS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2003, now due to expire October 18, 2003, be extended for three month(s), i.e., up to and including January 18, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time, requesting a two months extension was filed on December 18, 2003, therefore Applicants have deducted the two months extension fee from the total fee due. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith. Please charge the extension fee of \$530.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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